

Root Is Silent On His Health And Politics



SECRETARY OF STATE ROOT, Who Is Guarded From the Public by Muldoon, the Wrestler.

SECRETARY WELL AND IS RESTING, SAYS MULDOON

Great Statesman Reads Newspapers and Holds His Tongue.

NEW YORK, Aug. 24.—"Secretary Root was weak and feeble when he came here three weeks ago," said the famous wrestler, Billy Muldoon. Muldoon has a sanitarium of training quarters near White Plains for broken-down men of consequence.

Mr. Root has been under his care there for about three weeks. The Secretary



LIGHT EXERCISE FOR AN APPEAL FOR DELAY.

of State is now, according to Muldoon, in as fine fettle as anyone could expect of a statesman sixty-three years old.

"President Roosevelt has not been here to see Mr. Root, as reported," said Muldoon. "Neither has Mrs. Root. The Secretary has not visitors."

"Does Mr. Root smoke as many cigarettes as he customarily did?" Mr. Muldoon was asked.

"I never knew he smoked them," was the quick response. "Anyway, I wouldn't let him do it here. A man can't bring a cigarette nearer this place than that gate," and the instructor pointed fully 30 feet away. "I mean," he explained, "he can't get in with a cigarette if a shotgun can stop him."

The Secretary of State is not doing any hard work.

Reads Morning Papers.

Mr. Root had read all the morning newspapers by yesterday afternoon, when reporters from New York, who went to White Plains and drove over to Purchase, attempted to gain admission to Muldoon's curiously managed health resort. Muldoon stopped them a half mile down the road and said that neither Mr. Root nor any other of his patients could be seen without his (Muldoon's) permission.

While Muldoon was talking to the reporters in the road, a man in a two-wheeled cart, driving a spirited horse, passed the group. He got into Muldoon's grounds and had a note carried to the Secretary. The note was a personal appeal from a friend of the Secretary for some word on his physical and mental condition, and upon his political attitude.

Mr. Root read the note, received the visitor with his usual cold and distant politeness, and said:

"There is nothing that I care to say

at this time about my personal affairs or about public matters." Then Mr. Root resumed reading a book.

It was evident that the Secretary of State had not gone into either a physical or mental collapse, from which recovery might not be expected. He was as self-contained, as self-confident as ever he was. Moreover, he would not talk, and that is second nature to Mr. Root. He is most normal when he is saying politely: "That is a matter that I do not care to discuss at this time. If ever the time should come when I care to say anything for publication, be assured that—etc."

Muldoon said: "Now, if you want to know just how Mr. Root is, ask his physician, Dr. Dixon, of Southampton, who was here today and has gone. He and Mrs. Root and Mr. Root's own secretary are the only ones who have been allowed to see him, except the President."

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The companies maintain a "there is nothing to arbitrate" attitude and the strikers remain firm in their determination to every statement emanating from the operators that they have been forced to use the mails, but claim they were compelled to do that at times before the strike, owing to their inability to "raise" an office, or where an office closed early in the evening, but do not explain why they receive the telegrams for offices that are closed.

Strike leaders here say they are satisfied with the progress of the strike, and say the men and women are unit in their determination to resist any overtures on the part of the companies that will not guarantee them substantial benefits.

Despite the denial of the Western Union that they have been mailing important telegrams Belvidere Brooks, general superintendent, admits that they have been forced to use the mails, but claim they were compelled to do that at times before the strike, owing to their inability to "raise" an office, or where an office closed early in the evening, but do not explain why they receive the telegrams for offices that are closed.

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It was said that no further buildings were "pulled" today, activities in this line now having ceased until the beginning of the next week.

Emphatic Denial.

A statement was given out at the Carpenters' Union headquarters, however, emphatically denying the statement made by the Master Employers' Association yesterday that the carpenters were being used as "cats' paws" to pull the chestnuts from the fire and afterward eating them, and the bricklayers are by no means using any unfair means.

"All the trades are in the fight to stay and the buildings are being pulled regardless of whether the carpenters or bricklayers are in the majority on each job, for there are instances where a great many bricklayers have walked out and but one or two carpenters, depending upon the stage of the work."

Builders' Contention.

The Master Builders, as published in The Times yesterday, contended that the strike order was not being applied alike to all the trades and that the bricklayers called a strike of their men only when the brick work was about complete, thus causing but few bricklayers to be idle, while the carpenters were pulled in much greater numbers.

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General Strike of Railway Operators in Sympathy With Commercial Men Impending!

R. R. OPERATORS OF THE COUNTRY MAY WALK OUT

Long Island Men Threaten to Tie Up Company.

Might Take Telegraphers of All Roads In Support of C. T. A. Strike.

NEW YORK, Aug. 24.—A strike of telegraph operators which, it is claimed, would practically tie up the whole system, is threatened on the Long Island railroad.

The situation is regarded as of grave importance lest it should prove the start of a walkout among railway operators of the whole country in support of the striking commercial telegraphers.

The operators, who are not satisfied with working conditions, have given the company until next Wednesday to grant their demands for improvements in their service.

Unless the demand is heeded, they say, all the telegraphers will walk out.

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Miss Ethel Levy Injured After a Midnight Supper, As Trolley and Auto Crash



George Cohan's Divorced Wife, Ethel Levy, as She Appeared in "Little Johnny Jones."

Governor Higgins' Son and Sister Also Injured.

Were on Coney Island Trip Before Dawn.

NEW YORK, Aug. 24.—Frank Harrison Higgins, millionaire son of the late Gov. Frank Wayland Higgins, and Ethel Levy, divorced wife of George M. Cohan, and her cousin, Miss Cora Levy, were injured today in the collision of their automobile with a trolley car at Coney Island and Eleventh avenue.

Ethel Levy, whose engagement to marry Robert Edson was announced several weeks ago, was so seriously injured that she was brought to Manhattan in a special car and taken to her hotel, where she was too ill to be seen by her friends today.

Miss Cora Levy was also attended by physicians, she having sustained many severe bruises and cuts and a shock which threatened to result in nervous collapse.

Big Auto Wrecked.

The big automobile, owned by Mr. Higgins, was so completely wrecked that he admitted today that he might as well purchase another car.

It was Robert Edson who introduced his fiancée to Mr. Higgins. Mr. Edson is still in Europe. Mr. Higgins took Miss Levy and her cousin to Manhattan Beach last night, and, after a late supper, they took a fast ride along the South Shore road. It was in returning before dawn today that the accident happened.

Turned Too Quickly.

Racing down Eleventh avenue in the heavy rain, Louis Shufeld, the chauffeur, turned too quickly into Coney Island avenue. The wheels skidded, and the automobile was thrown up against a trolley car moving in the opposite direction. The wheels were knocked off of the machine, and, although Mr. Higgins insisted today that none of the persons in the automobile were thrown out, the police reported that all were thrown many feet from the scene of the accident, and were picked up by the trolley car's passengers, injured and covered with mud.

Chauffeur Caught Yesterday.

Only yesterday Mr. Higgins' chauffeur was fined \$10 in the Morrisania police court for driving the same machine, containing Mr. Higgins and a young woman, at the rate of forty-five miles an hour in from the Empire City race track.

FURNISHES \$1,000 BOND FOR FIRING FIVE SHOTS

Having thrown the downtown shopping district in a panic yesterday shortly after noon by firing five pistol shots at Frank Jackson, colored, Harry Wilson, also colored, furnished bond for \$1,000 today when he appeared in Police Court to answer the charge of assault with intent to kill.

None of the shots took effect during the altercation, which occurred on Tenth street, near F.

Greatest Difficulty.

The greatest difficulty, however, for Mr. Given to solve is to determine whether the brokers are doing a legitimate business or are running a "phony joint."

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THE WEATHER REPORT.

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Generally fair and somewhat warmer weather is probable tonight and Sunday over the greater portion of the Washington forecast district, except that thunder showers are indicated for the South Atlantic and East Gulf States Sunday.

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HARPERS FERRY, V. Va., Aug. 24.—Potomac cloudy and Shenandoah muddy.

BAKER URGES GIVEN

Telegraphs "Prosecute Every Bucket-Shop In District."

Offices Raided Yesterday Are Doing Business Today.

Secret Service Men Will Investigate Entire Situation.

"Prosecute every bucket shop in the District. Close them out and shut them up, if they continue to do business in violation of the anti-gambling law."

This is the gist of a telegram received by Assistant District Attorney Harvey Given today from District Attorney Baker. With this end in view, Mr. Given, Assistant District Attorney Perry, Detective Helan, and Secret Service Operator Klinker made a round of alleged bucket shops today to observe their methods, and to obtain additional evidence.

Doing Business Today.

All the offices raided yesterday—Chesley & Spence, in the Colorado building, and at Seventh and F streets; Frank Kane; Allison C. Jenkins, and Wade & Hedges—are doing business today. It is stated that they will continue in business unless compelled to vacate under orders from the District Supreme Court.

At the Police Court today, bond was furnished by John T. Chesley, for the firm of Chesley & Spence, two cases, \$2,000 each; the United Surety, of Baltimore, for Frank Kane and Allison C. Jenkins, \$1,000 each, and Percy Wade furnished \$1,000 cash as a bond for his future appearance.

The charges were filed against the several defendants and continued indefinitely.

Before Jury Next Week.

The evidence in the case will be given to the grand jury about the middle of next week. A number of sales sheets and tickets showing the sales as made by the alleged bucket shop devotees will be used in the grand jury room.

Mr. Given also states that he will call a number of witnesses whose names were obtained yesterday. Summons slips have been prepared by the office force, and it is supposed they will be issued about Tuesday. The matter, however, might go over until next week, when, it is said, the District Attorney's office will be able to present a much better showing and have the facts so arranged that it will be comparatively easy for the grand jurors to understand the minute workings of the stock tickers and the character of business carried on by the brokers.

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